

Proclamation

Alcohol and drug abuse continues to challenge our island community, create a strain on our municipal resources and endanger the lives of innocent citizens. Entire families have been deeply affected by substance abuse along with the mental and physical illnesses that accompany addiction.

During Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month, we fight against the devastating effects of substance abuse and renew our support of those who are battling to overcome their addictions. There are many individuals and organizations within our community who have joined together in the battle against drug and alcohol addiction. By sharing their personal experiences, encouragement and support, they provide role models to both addicts and young people who are faced with peer pressure.

Therefore, this September, we recognize three of these special people.

Bernie Koizumi enrolled in the Salvation Army's Women's Way drug rehabilitation program in 1998, after three ineffective rehabilitation attempts. After successfully completing this program and finding work as a part-time cook at Homeless Solutions in Mō'ili'ili, her impeccable cleanliness became apparent as one of her many strengths. Today, B.Clean, Bernie's cleaning service that has a strict no tolerance drug policy, provides a second chance to felons and recovering drug addicts who have completed rehabilitation programs, by providing them with employment.

Another employer who believes in second chances is **Vincent Kwon**. As the founder of Grindz, this restaurant owner has pledged to hire recovering crystal methamphetamine users. A former drug user himself, Vincent knows first-hand the challenges of finding employment after years of addiction. After an epiphany following an argument with his wife in 2004, Vincent became dedicated to clean living. He started his small restaurant with the help of church members and his family. The business thrives today, and Vincent currently employs two recovering drug users, who willingly chose to participate in regular testing.

Life is built on choices, and the smartest choice a person can make is to avoid using drugs. **Allen Cardines, Jr.**, Senior Pastor of Hope Chapel Nanakuli, has traveled throughout our state with the Lieutenant Governor speaking with high school students and community members about the "Spirit of Aloha" campaign. His vision is to spread the message about making the smart choice of staying away from drugs and alcohol. By working with Kokua 'Ohana, Weed and Seed, and Waiawa Prison, he has helped to train community leaders in how to keep individuals and families away from the drug culture.

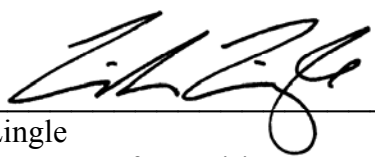
Drug and alcohol addictions are chronic but treatable problems. Our state has an extensive rehabilitation network of treatment providers and supporters, who have dedicated their lives to helping people overcome their addictions. With the help of these qualified and committed organizations and individuals, treatment is possible and effective.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, and **I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor, do hereby proclaim September 2006 as

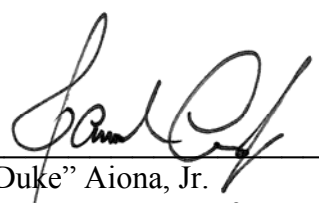
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in Hawai'i, and congratulate all those in recovery, and recognize the men and women in the treatment field who dedicate their lives to helping those with alcohol and drug use disorders.

Done at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this seventh day of September 2006.



Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i



James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i